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**INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION
FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE REPORT
BANJA LUKA, 2013**

Two First Category Events have been held in FS disciplines so far during 2012. They were the World Cup and European Championships of Formation Skydiving, and the World Cup of Vertical Formation Skydiving. They were both held in Prostějov, Czech Republic.

Unfortunately, not so many teams used the opportunity for some extra competition practice in Prostějov before the upcoming Mondial in December. In Formation Skydiving 4-Way, 10 teams competed in the WC and 9 in the EC which is much less than at the last WC (21) and EC (12). The 8 way competition was cancelled due to lack of interest/too few teams signed up. Teams for the female 4-Way was less than expected with only 2 teams from different NACs in the WC, and only one team in the EC. The French female team decided to compete in the open competition instead of the female category for this event. Teams for the Vertical Formation event were also less than expected with only one team represented in the WC.

The competition ran for full rounds in all events and the weather conditions were perfect. I would like to thank the organizers for the good work they did to make this a satisfying and well organized competition.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WC. Changes made to the rules in 2012 were generally well accepted.

Everybody seemed very happy with the changes applied to the judging process (reduced speed judging) and a very good and clear judging picture delivered from Omniskore made life much easier for the judges.

The matter of the use of the GoPro camera to record images was raised, as it had been brought up in discussion with the Jury earlier in the week. The point was made that as GoPro is widely used, and produces an excellent image, it should be acceptable for producing a judging image.

The agenda for our open meeting contains our proposals for rule changes in 2013. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

The next FCE is the Mondial in Dubai Nov 29 – Dec 10.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee for their efforts throughout the year: Phillipe Schorno (France), Eric Heinsheimer (USA), Kirk Verner (USA), Rainer Exi Hoenle (Germany), Sven Ibens (Belgium), Jeremie Rollett (France), Sara Sacchet (Italy) and Mark Szulmayer (Australia).

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OPEN MEETING 2013

Agenda

1. Annual Report

2. Proposed Rule changes (both FS and VFS rules)

- Proposed changes to 8 way divepool from Eric Heinsheimer (USA) and Kjetil Nordin (Norway).
- Proposed changes to 4 way divepool from Gilles Mercier (Switzerland)

4. Future Competitions

- World Cup 2013
- Organizers are invited to present bids for future competitions.

5. Other Business

- Video requirements:

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